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### MEAT ANIMALS PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME

**WEST VIRGINIA -- The 2005 gross income** from cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep and lambs was \$124.1 million, up 27 percent from the 2004 gross income of \$97.6 million. Gross income from cattle and calves was up 29 percent, hogs and pigs down 10 percent, and sheep and lambs down 7 percent from 2004.

**Total 2005 cash receipts** from marketings for all meat animals were \$117.5 million, up 29 percent from the cash receipts of \$91.4 million in 2004. Cattle and calves accounted for 97 percent of the total cash receipts, hogs and pigs 1 percent, and sheep and lambs 2 percent.

**Production of meat animals** in West Virginia during 2005 totaled 140.2 million pounds, up 10 percent from 2004. Cattle and calves production increased 11 percent, hogs and pigs production decreased 24 percent, and sheep and lambs production increased 5 percent. The value of production of meat animals was up 18 percent to \$103.8 million compared to \$88.2 million in 2004.

**Cattle and calves:** Cash receipts from marketings of cattle and calves increased 30 percent during 2005. Receipts totaled \$113.8 million compared with \$87.4 million in 2004. All cattle and calf marketings during 2005 reached 141.6 million pounds, up from 116.6 million pounds in 2004. The 2005 annual average price of cattle at \$72.00 per 100 pounds live weight was up \$4.80 from the 2004 price. The average price for calves at \$112.00 per 100 pounds live weight was up \$11.00 from the 2004 price.

**Hogs and pigs:** Cash receipts from marketings of hogs and pigs were \$1.6 million during 2005, down 11 percent from the 2004 cash receipts of \$1.8 million. Marketings of 3.4 million pounds during 2005 were 13 percent below the 2004 total marketings of 3.9 million pounds. The annual average price per 100 pounds live weight at \$46.60 increased .50 cents from the 2004 price.

**Sheep and lambs:** Cash receipts from marketings of sheep and lambs in 2005 totaled \$2.1 million, down 5 percent from the 2004 cash receipts of \$2.2 million. The average price of sheep in 2005 was \$41.80 per 100 pounds of live weight, up from \$36.90 in 2004. Lamb prices increased from \$102.00 in 2004 to \$110.00 in 2005. Marketings of sheep and lambs at 2.3 million pounds were down 15 percent from 2004.

**UNITED STATES -- The 2005 gross income** from cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep and lambs for the U.S. totaled \$65.3 billion, up 4 percent from 2004. Gross income increased for cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep and lambs. Cattle and calves increased 4 percent, hogs and pigs increased 5 percent, and sheep and lambs increased 10 percent.

**Total 2005 cash receipts** from marketings of meat animals increased 4 percent to \$64.8 billion. Cattle and calves accounted for 76 percent of this total, hogs and pigs 23 percent, and sheep and lambs 1 percent. Production increased for all cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep and lambs. Average prices were up for all three species.

**Cattle and Calves:** Cash receipts from marketings of cattle and calves increased from \$47.5 billion in 2004 to \$49.2 in 2005, a 4 percent increase. All cattle and calf marketings totaled 53.1 billion pounds in 2005, down 2 percent from 2004. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight for cattle was \$89.70, an increase of \$3.90 from 2004. For calves, the annual average price increased from \$119.00 to \$135.00.

**Hogs and Pigs:** Cash receipts from hogs and pigs totaled \$15.0 billion during 2005, up 5 percent from 2004. Marketings totaled 28.5 billion pounds in 2005, up 3 percent from 2004. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight increased from \$49.30 in 2004 to \$50.20 in 2005.

**Sheep and Lambs:** Cash receipts from marketings of sheep and lambs in 2005 were \$570 million, up 10 percent from 2004. Marketings increased slightly to 571 million pounds. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight for sheep increased from \$38.80 in 2004 to \$45.10 in 2005 while for lambs, the annual average price increased from \$101.00 to \$110.00.